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around the windows -- a measure recommended for older homes -- he would save a whopping \$107 to \$251 in annual energy costs, but it would cost \$1,344 to \$2,016 if he had a contractor do the job and would take over six and a half years to pay for itself. If he chose to do the job himself it would cost between \$1,086 and \$1,600 and take about five and a half years to pay for itself in energy savings.

## Girl Scout cookie sale begins Jan. 21

Final countdown toward the start of the Scranton Girl Scout Council's 1984 Cookie Sale got underway January 14, and the sale will continue through a sales average of 75 Friday, January 20, at six boxes per girl. Money realized by the 299,486 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies are delivered to 50 Girl Scout Council Stations in the five and one-half counties served by the council.

Girl Scouts of the United Way -- Fund also help the council provide training and resource for leaders and program events for girls start in Girl Scout Cookies in their communities on Saturday, January 21, carrying on a tradition that dates back to 1953. For three weeks of people in communities served by Girl Scout Cookies will be given their only wider opportunity to buy and enjoy their favorite Girl Scout Cookies.

## Thacher & Avery's Confectionery Store was an important North Church Street landmark

By S. ROBERT POWELL

The one-block section of North Church Street between the bridge over the Racket Brook and the intersection of North Church, Belmont and Canaan Streets, as well as that intersection itself, are rich in history. Thanks to Edith A. Gardner, Carbondale, and Cy M. Grover, Elmira, N.Y., a great deal of that history has been recorded, and is contained in the August 17 and September 2 issues of the NEWS.

On November 14, 1983 we received a letter from Robert W. Avery (133 Sunnyside Drive, Rochester, N.Y. 14617). Avery is the son of Raymond and Hazel (Thacher) Avery who, together with Hazel Avery's sister, Kathryn Thacher, were the owners of the Thacher & Avery Confectionery Store, 93 North Church Street (the white building at the curve of North Church Street, in part of which Sarah's Beauty Shop is now located).

"The store was divided into two parts. The counters and merchandise were originally located in the western part and the ice cream parlor was in the eastern half. There was a walk-through and open-service counter between the two parts. The parlor had about ten or twelve marble topped round tables. Each table would seat four customers. The chairs had three legs and the seats were triangular in shape. They fit very neatly into dividers between the table legs. I still have one of those tables and its set of chairs.

"This arrangement was reversed in the 1950s. The soda fountain remained where it had been in the western part of the store, but the other equipment and merchandise were moved into the eastern part. The openings between the two parts then became the ice cream parlor. It featured Mulholland's Ice Cream -- a quality ice cream made in a large plant on Belmont Street at the Simpson line. There was quite a bit of competition with the Russell Store for the ice cream trade in the period from 1940 to 1950.

Both businesses sold hundreds of ice cream cones plus bulk ice cream each day. Cars were parked on both sides of Church, Canaan and Belmont Streets. This resulted in a restricted traffic flow many times. During the same period of time, there were two developments which changed the ice cream business. The first was the packaging of ice cream in half gallon containers at the plant. Up to that time, most of the prepackaged ice



LINDA MCHEALE, PP&L residential consultant, uses a portable computer terminal to quickly process the information from a home energy audit. The terminal is connected by phone to a main computer which will send back cost estimates, saving estimates, and the time for payback estimates on energy saving measures recommended during the inspection part of the audit. (NEWS Photo by Mike Perovsky)

## At Rep. Serafini's office

**Tax and rent rebate forms are available**

Rep. Frank Serafini said that application forms for 1983 property tax and rent rebates are available at the district office.

Serafini said that the maximum rebate is \$600 and those receiving rebates will automatically qualify for an "inflation dividend" of up to \$125.

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